

RECOGNIZED AS A STATESMAN

Candidate's Scheme at Once Seen to Be the Production of a Master Mind.

"Our end of the town is completely without police protection," said the aldermanic candidate in a lively speech. "Elect me and I promise to have this section of the city literally swarming with police."

The next night he was denounced by the opposition as a four flusher and asked to outline his plan for securing proper protection.

"Ladies and gentlemen," he began at the following meeting. "I was called a bluffer by our friends, the opposition, last night. I now propose to show you how I will make good in my promise. First of all I will start the movement for more police protection by hiring two new cooks. Let every man of family in this audience hire one cook and keep her and we'll need an exclusion act to keep the cops out of our territory!"

Pandemonium broke loose. A new Bolivar had appeared in their midst and at the election his rival was swamped into oblivion.

A Ceremony Denied.

A Vienna merchant who had spent the summer vacation at Altenberg, after reaching home sent an oil painting of the Madonna to the authorities of the vacation resort, with the request that it be placed in the spring-house. He asked also that a priest be requested to officiate when the painting was unveiled. Father Steidt of St. Andrew's was selected to carry out the request, but sent word that he would not bless the picture until he had the assurance that the wife of the painter, "and no other woman," had served as model. As it was impossible to secure this statement, the authorities had to dispense with the religious ceremony.

Thirty-Second Passenger.

The thirty-second passenger boarded the street car and paid his fare. When the conductor rang up this fare, the new passenger peered up at the fare register a moment, then turned to the man next to him:

"Did ye see phwat he did?"

"No; what?"

"Oi gave him a nickel an' he rang up 32 cents!"—Sunday Magazine.

Must Have Accessories.

"I hear you picked up an abandoned farm."

"Yep."

"Genuine farmer now, are you?"

"My smart friends won't believe it until I have picked up some abandoned dialect."



WORKING ON CITIZENS DITCH.
This is the Largest Canal in the County in Operation.
Courtesy C. E. Spath.

"Homing Swallows."

A Belgian pigeon trainer has been experimenting with swallows in the place of homing pigeons, and says they have the advantage of great speed.

Wasted Education.

A clerk in a New York law office was discharged because he tried to have a new office boy. What's the use of having a college education if you can't use it in your business?—Buffalo Express.

In the Same Boat.

A magazine contributor, being hard pressed by his creditors, recently wrote to his editor: "Please send check at once, as my gas bill is due." The candid editor replied in this brief fashion: "So is mine. God help us all."

Daily Thought.

"Serving God" is doing good to Man; but praying is thought to be an easier "service," and therefore is more generally chosen.—H. Franklin

Appreciation.

"I was strongly tempted when we were in the conservatory alone to take you in my arms and kiss you. Would you have been very angry with me if I had done so?" "Yes—very. But thank you for the compliment."

To the Childish Mind.

One morning little Elsie discovered that the white covers had been removed from the parlor furniture. "Oh, mamma," she cried, "the chairs have shed their nightgowns!"



SCENE OF THE BLOOMFIELD MESA.
Courtesy C. E. Spath.

Hudson's Humor.

The Half-Moon had passed several tugs pulling a half-dozen coal barges up the river. Hudson, after viewing them through his glass, came down from the bridge.

"Well, Vanderdonckenheinerstein," he remarked with a twinkle in his eye, "I think we will soon be in sight of the foot of the river."

"Why so, commodore?" asked the mate, unsuspecting.

"I have just observed several large tows on the starboard side," said the great explorer.

Whereupon the mate, with a scowling visage, opened a fresh jug of schnapps.

Achilles Confesses.

The doctor had informed Achilles that his wound was not at all serious.

"It's only in your heel, general," said he. "You may limp a little for a while, but—"

"No, doctor," moaned Achilles. "It is all up with me. I am mortally wounded."

"Nonsense," said the doctor. "Why there are no vital organs in your feet." "There were in mine, doctor," wept the soldier. "Ever since this dingy old scrap began I've been going around with my heart in my boots."

Whereupon he turned over and expired.

Natural Progression.

Mrs. McCall—How about your servant girl? The last time I saw you you complained about her being so very slow.

Mrs. Hiram Offen—Oh, she's progressing.

Mrs. McCall—Indeed?

Mrs. Hiram Offen—Yes; she's getting slower and slower.

Epigram Criminal Code.

Procrastination is the thief of time. Curiosity is the porch climber of society. The past is the hold-up man of ambition. Good fellowship is the drooping of sobriety. Conscience is the sneak thief of contentment. The bore is the pickpocket of patience. The college boy is the checkkiter of humor. The firecracker is the pirate of peace. The Welsh rabbit is the ghoul of sleep. Hard luck is the shop-lifter of hope. Bad cooking is the sandbagger of civility.—Pack.

Coquetry of Golf.

Golf is the coquette of games. It always lures you on and always evades you. Ten years ago I thought I had nearly got it. I think so to-day, and ten years hence I may still have the same delusion; but my scoring cards will show, I fear, that the coquette has not yet been caught. The middle-aged lover cannot hope to win her smile.—Conn Doyle in the Strand.

Early Mastery of Languages.

The mastery of many languages and the ability to read and write at almost incredibly early ages is not a modern evolution. In the sixteenth century history tells us of one Charles Benet, known as the "man child of Manchester," of whom it was said in the literal words of the old English: "At 3 years of age he doth speak Latine, Greek and Hebrew; though never taught these languages."

Wonders of Memory.

Plato makes Hippias boast that he could repeat 500 words after hearing them once, but this is nothing compared with the claims of Seneca. In his declamations in speaking of the former tenacity of his memory he says that he was able to repeat 2,000 names in the order in which they had been given to him.

The Last Resort.

"They're going to increase the tax on beer!" "Then we won't drink any." "And they're going to increase the tax on spirits!" "Then we won't drink any." "And they're going to tax wine!" "Then we won't drink any." "And they're going to tax inheritance!" "Then let's drink up our money!"

The Wealth of Some People.

Apartments at \$22,000 a year are announced in one of New York's latest houses of multiple dwellings. More significant than the rental figures themselves is the fact that they are set forth quite casually. The man may happen in to-morrow who finds the \$22,000 suite exactly what he wants.

The Cherry.

This popular fruit takes its name from Cerasus, Cerasunt, a city of Asia Minor, from which region the cherry was first introduced into Europe by the Roman General Lucullus in the year B. C. 73. The cherry introduced by the Romans at the date given died out, and was reintroduced in the reign of Henry VIII. by Richard Haines, the fruiterer of that monarch.

A Foolish Question.

A reader of the New York World writes to that paper to ask whether it is proper for a young man to send candy to a girl whom he has met but once. What a question! Why, most young men begin handing a girl taffy as soon as they are introduced to her.

So Does Satan.

They say in New York that every time a Tammany man looks at the statue of Liberty he laughs.—Charleston News and Courier.

WE YIELD THE PALM TO THE APPLE INDUSTRY

Like other loyal subjects, we greet the fruit industry, but the needs of the farmer—the tillers of the soil—and the enterprising people of San Juan County, and the Animas Valley in particular, are our immediate concern.

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